

Proclamation

- WHEREAS*, the City of Alameda recognizes the importance of reading for information, enjoyment, and personal growth; and
- WHEREAS*, readers are leaders, and reading is the basis of all true education; and
- WHEREAS*, reading is an activity that knits generations together, opens the imagination of the family, and bridges the boundaries of communities and cultures; and
- WHEREAS*, open, intergenerational dialogue brings a healthier perspective to children, youth, and adults; and
- WHEREAS*, the Alameda Free Library will engage local residents to grow, eat, and read local; and
- WHEREAS*, *Across the Pages: an Alameda Community Reads Program*, will bring the residents of the Island City together with the two selections *Farm City* by Novella Carpenter and *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman, and programming centered around the themes of the books; and
- WHEREAS*, the Alameda Free Library will host programming associated with green initiatives, which are the predominant themes in both title selections for the 2011 Community Reads program; and
- WHEREAS*, *Across the Pages* is presented by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library and the Alameda Free Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim March 1-31 as

Across the Pages: an Alameda Community Reads Program

and urge all Alameda residents to join me in helping to make this program a citywide success.

Marie L. Gilmore
Mayor

City Council
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